



# News from the CITY OF CARMEL

For the Citizens of Carmel

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## CarmelFest 2007 Promises A Celebration Like None Before

It's that time again in Carmel. The 19th annual CarmelFest is bigger and better in 2007. This year's organizers say CarmelFest 2007, "promises to be Carmel's biggest event of the year." The festival draws families, singles, seniors, teens, kids, friends and neighbors together to celebrate the heritage of our great country. "We the People" is the theme chosen by the CarmelFest Committee.

Carmel Civic Square comes alive on Tuesday, July 3rd from 4-10 p.m. Festival booths, games, food vendors, arts and crafts, and community organization information booths will entertain visitors. The ever-popular Wright Brothers band will play at the Gazebo at 7 p.m.

Don't miss the parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m. on July 4th and features bands, floats, clowns, and kids of all ages from local organizations. Activities at Civic Square begin on three stages at noon (see schedule for each stage on page 6 in this issue).

CarmelFest welcomes the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at 8:30 p.m. at the Gazebo, followed by the grand finale – a dazzling fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

For more information, or a schedule of events go to [www.JulyCarmelFest.com](http://www.JulyCarmelFest.com).



See pages 6 inside for a complete schedule!



## Monon Center Opening Makes Big Splash

Memorial Day weekend was filled with games, prizes, food, entertainment, give-a-ways and tours of the fitness facility and the park to celebrate the official grand opening of The Monon Center and outdoor aqua park at Central Park. It made a big splash in the community.

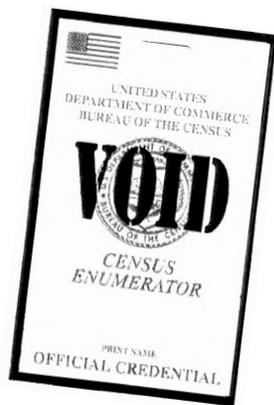
During the Grand Opening Celebration, members of the



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## A Special Census is Coming Soon To Carmel

Later this summer, census enumerators from the City of Carmel will be knocking on your door to conduct a special census. This new count will help the City qualify for additional state revenues. These funds can be used for road projects, education for our children, programs for our seniors and other public services for the community.



The census enumerators will be wearing an official US Census tag when they come to the door. The questioning process will take five minutes and be limited to seven subjects: name, household relationship, gender, date of birth, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race. The Census Bureau never releases information that identifies individuals or an individual's household.

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[www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov)

## A Message from the Mayor

CarmelFest is just around the corner. Over the years, this festival has grown into a wonderful tradition that celebrates our heritage and our wonderful community. We strive to continue to build a city where people want to live – where they can enjoy recreational activities, attend artistic performances, participate in local festivals, sample new eateries, shop in local boutiques, and much more.

Bike to Work Day and our many new bike paths and trails contributed to the City achieving a Bronze-level Bicycle-Friendly Community award. This summer, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the amenities of living in our city. The Farmers Market opened this month to neighbors and visitors flocking to Civic Square to enjoy fresh produce, camaraderie and weekly entertainment. Mark your calendars and pack your picnics for the Gazebo Summer Concerts on Wednesday evenings. Later this summer, census enumerators will be knocking on your door to conduct a special City census. Please give them five



Mayor Jim Brainard

minutes of your time to answer their questions. The updated information will help the City qualify for additional state revenue to improve public services such as road projects, education, senior programs and much more. I look forward to seeing you at CarmelFest. Enjoy your summer! As always, we appreciate your comments, suggestions and ideas. Feel free to call, write or email City Hall. We want to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jim Brainard".

Mayor Jim Brainard

## City Begins 2008 Budget Process

“We approach the budget process much like the private sector,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We perform budget forecasting 10 years out to ensure that we can accomplish our goals and keep our taxes among the lowest in the state.” Carmel’s prudent fiscal management resulted in the City coming in \$1 million

under budget in 2006.

Strong fiscal management of the City’s money and controlled spending has allowed Carmel’s taxes to remain low — the fifth lowest of any city in the state for 2006. With a decrease in the city tax rate for 2007, Carmel continues to keep taxes low and affordable.



“Memorial Day is a special day when we honor all those brave military personnel who have served and sacrificed for our country,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “It is important during this time of national conflict to remember these brave men and women and their families.”

### Memorial Day Celebration Honors Veterans

A Memorial Day celebration to honor veterans was sponsored by the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Corporation. Students from all three Carmel Clay middle schools attended the Veterans Memorial celebration on May 25th at the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Plaza. The local American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and the White River Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America also attended the ceremony.

## Carmel Continues to Go Green

The City of Carmel continues to promote environmental initiatives within the community. On April 21st,

Carmel celebrated its 19th annual Arbor Day Celebration at Central Park. The Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Department, Citizens for Greenspace, the City of Carmel’s Urban Forestry Committee and the Carmel Girl and Boy Scouts planted 250 trees in the northeast corner of Central Park. More than 1,000 volunteers participated in

the weeklong tree planting.

The National Arbor Day Foundation recently recognized Carmel with its Tree City USA designation. This is the 13th year the City has received this national recognition. In addition to the Tree City USA designation, Carmel was also honored with the Tree City Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program.

In addition to these accomplishments, Carmel’s Urban Forester, Daren



Mindham, completed a week-long Municipal Forest Institute. The goal of the program is to train forestry professionals to develop leadership and managerial skills to improve and promote urban and community forestry programs.





## Projects Underway in Arts & Design District and City Center

### City Center Plans Unveiled

A pedestrian friendly plan for the new City Center blends green space and parks with retail, office, and restaurant spaces. City Center has been designed with the highest architectural standards and will also include luxury penthouses, condominiums, and apartments, plazas, and a Performing Arts Center complete with a concert hall, theater, and outdoor amphitheater.

### City Center Theater Breaks Ground

Ground was broken for the City Center Theater on March 13th. The 500-seat theater will

open in December of 2010 along with the Concert Hall. The theater's architectural design will complement the classical style of the surrounding



(l. to r.): Jeff Worrell, CRC, Mayor Jim Brainard, Bruce Cordingley, CEO of Pedcor, Rick Sharp, City Councilman, Steve Sturtz, Project Architect from Pedcor and Tom Koontz, VP of Pedcor, shovel some dirt at the Indiana Design Center groundbreaking ceremony.

City Center buildings. Funds to build City Center will come from increases in commercial taxes in designated economic development areas. No residential property taxes will be used to fund the development.

### Indiana Design Center is Underway

A ground breaking ceremony was also held for the Indiana Design Center in early March. The Indiana Design Center will include a wide variety of products for interior design, building and renovation. Rather than traveling to multiple locations, consumers can find everything they need in one place, such as flooring, decorative hardware, fabrics and other home design elements.

### Workers Needed 2007 Special Census City of Carmel

**Crew Leaders – \$14.00 per hour**  
(in charge of specific geographical groups of enumerators)

**Enumerators – \$12.50 per hour**  
(go door to door and ask a series of questions about each person living in the household)

**Clerical Staff – \$9.00 per hour**  
(doing office work to keep track of information)

- Mileage will be compensated for all three jobs as well.
- All applicants must be U.S. Citizens and 18 years of age (16 and 17-year-old high school graduates may qualify for clerical positions if they meet state employment requirements).
- Workers need to be available evenings and weekends between 20-40 hours a week.
- A three day training session is also required.
- Enumerators and crew leaders must have a valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle.

For more information, please contact Kim Kauffman at 571-2467 or visit the Census link at the bottom of Carmel's homepage [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov).

Please contact Kim Kauffman before filling out an application because the federal Census office will send employment testing notices to applicants from our database.



Honorable Paul Felix

Paul Felix was appointed to the Carmel City Court by the Governor of Indiana. He replaces the Honorable Gail Bardach, who was elected to the newly created Hamilton County Superior 6.

## Honorable Paul Felix Appointed to Carmel City Court

Prior to joining the Carmel City Court, Judge Felix was a deputy prosecutor in Johnson County for over 10 years. He was also supervising deputy for the misdemeanor division of the office. During his tenure, he prosecuted major felonies, internet sex predators and domestic violence cases.

"I've enjoyed the transition from prosecution to the judiciary," Felix said. "The people I work with are very professional

and have helped make the move much smoother for me." The Judge presides over a very busy court, hearing 6,000-8,000 cases annually. The City Court has jurisdiction over misdemeanors, infractions and all local ordinance violations.

In his two months in the position, Felix has instituted some changes to the Court that he hopes will resolve cases and be more user friendly. The Court now remains open during

the lunch hour, and it has extended its hours an extra 30 minutes. In addition, credit card payments are accepted on-line or by phone.

Judge Felix has lived in Carmel with his wife and two children for six years. He is a member of the Carmel Clay Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Managers for the Hamilton County YMCA and involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indianapolis.



## Carmel Firefighters Honored for Aiding Injured Skier

The Carmel Merit Board honored Carmel firefighters with Certificates of Merit for their exemplary actions while on a ski vacation in Boyne Mountain, Michigan. The firefighters came to the aid of an injured victim on the ski slopes by supporting and applying lifesaving procedures until emergency transport arrived.

*(l. to r.): Carmel Fire Chief Keith Smith, Board member John Wolfgang, Lt. Kurt Weddington, Board Member Armando Irizarry, Firefighter Rick Castor, Board Member John Rowland, Firefighter Brad Marcum, Board Member Lori Watson, Engineer Jeff Grimes, Board Member Don Stauder, and Engineer/Medic Ted Lenze. Firefighter/Medic Kyle Condra not pictured.*



## Six Carmel Firefighters Gain Paramedic Status

Six Carmel Firefighters added paramedic status to their skills. Firefighters Tim Fagin, Greg Giles, Jared Kinney, Kevin Stindle, Jason Wendzel and Andrew Young completed 2,500 hours of training from St. Vincent Hospital and Health Services EMS Education. With the new additions, Carmel Fire Department has 42 paramedics.

The course work consisted of pharmacology, anatomy and physiology, advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, pre-hospital trauma life support, cardiology and many hours of clinical rotations in the hospital. The clinical rotation included IV techniques, intubation, EKG interpretation and drug administration. In the

pre-hospital environment, they learned all the skills in the back of a moving ambulance. In addition to coursework and clinical training, they passed the National Registry Written and Skills Exam.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of these six individuals," said EMS director Thomas Small. "The Fire Department Administration would also like to acknowledge all our other paramedics who guided and helped these firefighters achieve their goal."

All new firefighters joining Carmel must become certified by the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission as a Paramedic within their first three years of service.

## CFD and FOP Honored with Outstanding Project Award

*Nancy Chance (r.) presented the Carmel Fire Department (CFD) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) with the Outstanding Project Award. The groups collected over 1000 baskets for*

*the Carmel Food Drive. Carmel Financial is one of the main sponsors of the Food Drive. The CFD collected 300 food baskets. The FOP partnered with Meijer to gather 750 baskets. Members from the FOP executive board, D.J. Schoeff, Amy Stein, Scott Morrow and Mark Paris accepted the award.*



## Carmel's New Police Officer



*Earlier this year, Kari White was sworn in as an officer with the Carmel Police department. She will be attending the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, IN, from March 27 - July 6, 2007. After successful completion of the academy, she will be assigned to a Carmel Police Field Training Officer for 14 weeks.*

## Holocaust Remembered at City Hall

In April, the City of Carmel's annual Days of Remembrance Ceremony took place at City Hall to commemorate the Holocaust. The program featured keynote speaker Phil Lande, an Indianapolis resident and son of Holocaust survivor Alexander Lande. Several other local residents who were touched by the Holocaust also spoke. Other guest speakers were Richard Zochowski, son of Holocaust survivor George Zochowski, as well as, the late J. Ray Clark, liberator and author of *Journey to Hell: The Fiery Furnaces of Buchenwald*. Rabbi Arnold Bienstock of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Guests listened to Creekside Middle School 6th Grade Cadet Choir sing "Hashivenu" and "Ose Shalom" by composer John Leavitt.



Rabbi Arnold Bienstock

Carmel High School Hebrew students gave commemorative readings.

"We must always remember the lessons learned from this tragedy," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "One way to do that is to honor the courage of the survivors and remember those who perished in the Holocaust. I am deeply moved by the speeches and recounting of events we have heard today. May their stories be an inspiration to all of us."



## Carmel Road Projects

One of the City's long term goals is to continue to build the infrastructure necessary to keep pace with Carmel's growing population. Roundabouts have played a significant role in making Carmel's traffic flow more smoothly and in making driving in our community more safe.

**This summer the following road projects and roundabouts are underway and scheduled to be completed in 2007:**

- 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue realignment
- 116th Street and Shelborne Road realignment and roundabout
- 116th Street from Rangeline Road to College
- Old Meridian Street
- Last phase of Illinois Street

**The following road and roundabout projects are scheduled to begin this summer:**

- Oak Ridge Road and 136th Street roundabout
- 136th Street from Oakridge Road to Springmill Road
- 136th Street from Springmill Road to Ditch Road
- Pennsylvania Street from 103rd Street to 106th Street with roundabouts at 103rd Street and 106th Street
- 126th Street and Towne roundabout
- Grande Boulevard, a new street that will connect Guilford Road, just South of Carmel Middle School, to Main Street, just West of Old Meridian



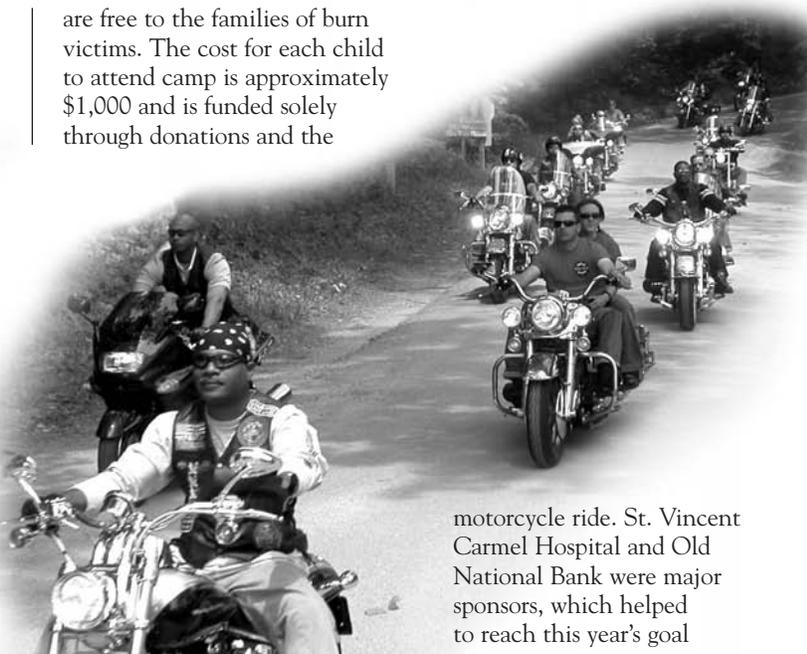
## Ride for the Hoosier Burn Camp

are free to the families of burn victims. The cost for each child to attend camp is approximately \$1,000 and is funded solely through donations and the

On Wednesday, May 30th, the Carmel Firefighters Local 4444 sponsored a motorcycle ride for the Hoosier Burn Camp, a summer camp for kids who have sustained serious burns.

Eighty-six motorcycles gathered at the Carmel Fire Headquarters, 2 Civic Square, where they began their ride to the Hoosier Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh, in Brookston, IN. Carmel Police Department Motorcycles and the Indiana State Police Motorcycles led the ride.

Hoosier Burn Camp services



motorcycle ride. St. Vincent Carmel Hospital and Old National Bank were major sponsors, which helped to reach this year's goal

of raising \$10,000.

"I am proud of all the Carmel firefighters who have worked hard each year to make this fundraising effort a success," said Carmel Fire Chief Keith Smith.

"The Hoosier Burn Camp is a place where children with burn injuries can 'just be kids' for one week and not worry about the pressures of everyday life. Our goal is to provide a fun and safe place while building self-esteem and confidence in our young campers," said Carmel firefighter Tony Collins and Hoosier Burn Camp Executive Board Member and Volunteer Counselor.

For more information visit the website at [www.HoosierBurnCamp.org](http://www.HoosierBurnCamp.org).





# CARMELFEST

**JULY 3 & 4**

[www.julycarmelfest.com](http://www.julycarmelfest.com)



## CarmelFest Main Schedule

CarmelFest events will take place at Carmel Civic Square

### Tuesday, July 3, 4-10 p.m.

- Entertainment at Gazebo Main Stage, RadioNow Teen/Children's Stage, and CarmelFest Marketplace Stage
- CarmelFest Marketplace Vendors
- Food Vendors
- Children's Games

### Wednesday July 4

- 8 a.m. - Hank FM 97.1 Freedom Run
- 10:30 a.m. - St. Vincent Heart Center Parade at CarmelFest
- 12:00 - 9:45 p.m.
  - Entertainment at Gazebo Main Stage, RadioNow Teen/Children's Stage, and CarmelFest Marketplace Stage
  - CarmelFest Marketplace Vendors
  - Food Vendors
  - Children's Games
- 9:45 p.m. - B105.7 Fireworks at CarmelFest

## It's Not Too Late to Buy Your Spark Buttons

Each year, the CarmelFest Committee raises money to support the July 4th Fireworks display by selling Spark Buttons. The buttons are available for \$3 at various locations in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Each button has a number printed on it. Prizes donated by local merchants will be given away to the winning numbers June 18-July 5. Winning numbers are posted each business day at [www.wibc.com](http://www.wibc.com) and [www.julycarmelfest.com](http://www.julycarmelfest.com).

**Bring your radios to the fireworks display. A patriotic salute will accompany the fireworks. It will be played on B105.7 FM, beginning at 9:45 p.m.**

## Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, July 3

#### Gazebo/Main Stage

- 4-6 p.m. Barometer Soup, Buffett and Beach music
- 7-10 p.m. Wright Brothers, Rock/Country

#### Children / Teen Stage Entertainment Schedule

- 4-5 p.m. Carmel Idol
- 5-6 p.m. Tug Fork River Band
- 6-7 p.m. Yesterday's Heroes
- 7-8 p.m. Going Nowhere
- 8-9 p.m. Accidental Fate
- 9-10 p.m. Mardelay

#### Marketplace Stage Entertainment Schedule

- 5-6 p.m. Mr. Twister, Balloon Entertainer
- 6-7 p.m. Actor's Theater Of Indiana Showcase
- 7-8 p.m. Billy Wooten, Steel Drum Music
- 8-9 p.m. CR Ryan Demler, Magician
- 9-10 p.m. Zach Mayhew, Indy Idol Winner

### Wednesday, July 4

#### Gazebo/Main Stage

- 11:45 to 2:45 p.m. Late Show, 1960s,70s, 80s, Rock Classics
- 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Flying Toasters, Soul/Retro Rock and Roll
- 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Chamber Brass Choir, Brass/Percussion
- 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. Harmony Magic, Women Barbershop
- 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. Derek Dye, Comedy-Juggler
- 8:30 to 9:45 p.m. The Carmel Symphony/Armed Forces Salute
- 9:45 p.m. Fireworks with Music

#### Children / Teen Stage Entertainment Schedule

- 12-1 p.m. Silly Safari, Kid's Animal Show
- 1-2 p.m. Frisbee Dog Show
- 2-3 p.m. Ruditoonz, Interactive Show
- 3-4 p.m. Frisbee Dog Show
- 4-5 p.m. CR Ryan Demler, Magician
- 5-6 p.m. Brooke Roe/Indy Idol (Radio Now)
- 6-7 p.m. The Giggles
- 7-8 p.m. XeroSum
- 8:30-9:45 p.m. The Elms
- 9:45-10:10 p.m. Fireworks with Music
- 10:10-10:40 p.m. The Elms (encore)

#### Marketplace Stage Entertainment Schedule

- Noon-1 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show, Carnival Acts
- 1-2 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show
- 2-3 p.m. Carmel Community Players' "Nonsense"
- 3-4 p.m. Carmel Community Players' "Big River"
- 4-5 p.m. Ruditoonz, Family Sing Along
- 5-6 p.m. Mr. Twister, Balloon Entertainer
- 6-10 p.m. Blue Monkey Side Show



## Carmel Farmers Market Opens Eighth Season

The Carmel Farmers Market opened for its eighth season on Saturday, June 2nd. The Market is held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the south parking lot of City Hall every Saturday morning through the last Saturday in September.

The Market is managed and operated by a volunteer corporation. New volunteers can call 710-0162 to obtain information about helping on Saturday mornings.

Voted the “Best Farmers Market in Indy” by Indianapolis Monthly Magazine, over 36,000 visitors throughout the summer come to the Market to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, country eggs, jams, jellies, grass-fed beef, fresh baked pies and breads, along with a host of other products made and/or produced in the state of Indiana.

The Market will again this year have special events, and each Saturday there will be a musical group performing.

[www.CarmelFarmersMarket.com](http://www.CarmelFarmersMarket.com)



**The Farmers Market  
8 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Every Saturday  
morning through the  
last Saturday in  
September**

**South parking lot  
of City Hall**

## Community Events

### Carmel Residents and Workers Participate in Bike to Work Day



*After the morning bike ride to work, the City of Carmel and the Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Department hosted a continental breakfast sponsored by Valley Bikes at the Monon Center at Central Park.*

Carmel residents and workers dusted off their bicycles and cycled to work on Friday, May 18th — National Bike to Work Day, which celebrates National Bike Month in May. Using the many multi-use paths throughout the City, bikers were able to travel on convenient, safe routes to reach their workplaces in Carmel.

To make the morning commute to work more enjoyable, the City of Carmel and the Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Department hosted a continental breakfast sponsored by Valley Bikes at the Monon Center at Central Park. About 80 participants stopped to enjoy breakfast.

Carmel’s participation in this event as well as its emphasis on including bicycle paths in its thoroughfare plan have led to the City’s designation as a Bronze-level Bicycle-Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. “We are continually improving facilities for bicyclists,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “We are making trail connectivity and improvements to pathways a priority. The 5.2 mile Monon Greenway in Carmel has played a major role in encouraging residents to consider using their bicycles more for recreation and transportation.”

## Freedom Ball Once Again Ushers in CarmelFest Festivities

This year, the Rotary Club of Carmel will again sponsor “Freedom Ball” as the warm up to CarmelFest. The theme of this year’s gala is “We the People.” It will take place Saturday, June 30th at the Ritz Charles.

In just three years, the event has grown into a community-wide tradition with several hundred citizens gathering to take pride in the City.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. which will include a martini bar and a silent auction. Dust off your dancing shoes. After dinner, guests will dance to the tunes of the Cool City Swing Band.

Proceeds from the event, including the silent auction, will be given to many local non-profit organizations as well as the national and international charities supported by the

Rotary Club of Carmel.

“The committee has worked hard to make the evening Carmel’s premier social event,” said Rotarian Jack Stafford, Freedom Ball Chairman.

Individual tickets may be purchased for \$75. Tables of eight may be purchased for \$600. Corporate tables of eight may be purchased for \$800, which includes special logo recognition at the event.

**For more information,  
or to obtain ticket  
reservation forms  
go to  
[www.julycarmelfest.com](http://www.julycarmelfest.com)**



## 2007 Summer Family Concert Series at the Gazebo

1. *Pack a picnic dinner*
2. *Bring your lawn chairs and blankets*
3. *Enjoy the FREE 2007 Summer Family Concert Series*

*Concerts are at the Gazebo  
on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.*



Attendance at the free concerts has increased to as many as 2,500 persons since 1992. The family-friendly series is presented by the Carmel Fountain Square Committee, a not-for-profit volunteer organization. The free concerts are

totally funded by individual and corporate sponsors. In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the bay area of Fire Station #1, located at Two Civic Square just north of the Fountain. For more information, go to [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov).



### **Date Performers**

- June 27 Rick K & The All-nighters*  
A virtual hit parade of popular music spanning 50 years. By featuring 50's doo-wop, Beach Boys and Motown, to classic pop-rock tunes of the 70's, 80's and 90's, rock n' roll will surely never die! Mix in a blend of country hits and there is something for everyone.
- July 4 No Concert – Come to CarmelFest!*
- July 11 Dan Holmes Group*  
The Dan Holmes Group is a keyboard-sax-drum-bass set up. This four piece group puts on a show all ages can enjoy. Their original music is a little bit of New Orleans mixed with some funk rock as told by a singer/songwriter.
- July 18 Audio Diner with Michele Haddix*  
Experience R&B, blues, rock, folk and country music with a heavy focus on dynamic vocals. Many selections feature strong, 3 and 4 part singing. Classic hits that everyone will enjoy.
- July 25 Brent Evans & Lost Luggage*  
Brent Evans & Lost Luggage is truly a fresh and exciting sound! Their goal is to entertain and take you on a nostalgic musical journey, filled with memories and seasoned with a true passion for music.
- August 1 Doug Lawson & Middle of the Road*  
Doug Lawson has been compared to Conway Twitty and Elvis because of his ability to hit high and low notes with equal quality and feeling. This is country music at its best.
- August 8 Endless Summer*  
Endless Summer features popular music of numerous eras and styles from the most fun, most energetic, best showband on earth.

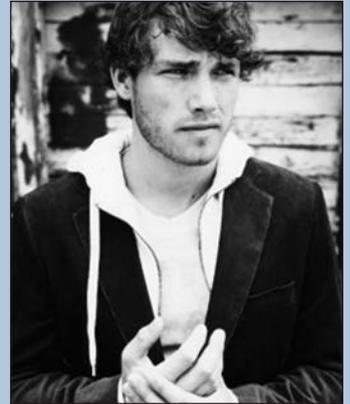


## Of Interest

The Monon Center  
AT CENTRAL PARK

## Monon Center Opening (continued from cover)

public were invited to take part in these activities at the Monon Center for free! An official ribbon cutting ceremony took place in front of the Outdoor Aqua Park entrance. The festivities concluded with a free “Flick-n-Float” in the Aqua Park at sunset featuring the hit movie “Flushed Away.”



Jon McLaughlin

## Rock the District

The Carmel Arts & Design District will be rockin’ on Saturday, July 7th! Enjoy music from local and professional bands, merchant festivities, free giveaways, delicious food from local restaurants and great deals from the “sensational sidewalk sale.” The night ends with a very special appearance by national recording artist and District resident Jon McLaughlin at 7 p.m.!

Join the Arts & Design District merchants on Friday night for a special “Preview Party” featuring music and merchant open houses with chances to win great gifts.

**Preview Party**  
Friday, July 6th, 5-8 p.m.

### Rock the District Festivities

**Saturday, July 7**  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Sensational Sidewalk Sale**  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Main Stage Entertainment**  
12:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
**Special guest performance**  
by Jon McLaughlin  
7 p.m.

For more information, event line-up and a list of merchant activities, please visit [www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com) or call 571-ARTS (2787).

## Newsletter from Kawachinagano



**1** Shimenawa forbids the unclean to enter



**2** Ootoso is Japanese sake for longevity in New Year



**3** Lion's Head



**4** Girls in “Furisode”—a gorgeous kimono—to celebrate Coming of Age Day

### Submitted by Kimi Chihara from our sister City Kawachinagano

*Hello from Kawachinagano! This is the first newsletter from Kawachinagano as one of our sister city’s projects. We would like to introduce Japanese New year. We hope you’ll enjoy the article.*

The two typical decorations for New Year are “Shimenawa” (1) and “Kadomatsu.” Shimenawa is made of rice straw and Kadomatsu is a kind of bamboo and pine branch decoration.

We usually drink “otoso”(2) a kind of sake, to celebrate

New Year on January 1st, and have “Zohni” and “Osechi.” Zohini is kind of vegetable soup containing rice cakes. There are a lot of different kinds of recipes in different districts in Japan. Osechi is also made from many different ingredients and served in different styles, but mostly served cold. I think the idea of these foods is to save time for cooking during the New Year’s holiday season. And in another sense they are the ultimate Japanese fast food!

An interesting custom is the “Lion Dance.”(3) The lion’s head is made of wood, and its body is made of cloth. Two people go under the lion’s body,

and handle the head and body when dancing. It is said that by being bit by the head of a lion, a child will be clever. However, it’s a bit scary for the child to face a widely opened lion’s mouth, so parents must face crying babies afterwards.

Coming of Age Day is celebrated on the second Monday of January. The ceremony is held in each city or town. Many girls wear “Furisode,”(4) the most gorgeous Kimono and many boys wear suits to attend the ceremony. These are some of the customs to raise the curtain for the New Year in Japan.

# Mayor's Wellness Challenge Wrapped Up in April

Thanks to all who participated in the first annual Carmel Mayor's Wellness Challenge hosted by Clarian North Medical Center. Created by health care professionals, the program was designed to help Carmel residents get fit and stay healthy and incorporated activities such as cooking classes, health screenings and nutritional education.

This four-month challenge kicked off in January. A wrap up event was held on April 28th from 9 a.m. to noon at Carmel's new Monon Center in Central Park. Prizes were awarded to the overall winning team and each category's winning team. Overall results were measured so participants

could see how much they've accomplished! All registered teams were invited to celebrate their success and dedication.

### Winners in each category are listed below:

#### Business:

##### **The Pedcor PowerPuffs**

**Captain:**

*Jennifer Pruitt*

**Other team members:**

*Abby Frantz*

*Dolores Krohne*

*Jane Kiefer*

*Stephanie Galyen*

*Sherri Lechner*

#### Family:

##### **Blood, Sweat & Tears**

**Captain:**

*Tom Ardaiole*



Winners of the neighborhood category, P.A.L.S. with an overall score of 13,915 was the overall winning team of the Carmel Mayors Wellness Challenge. Team Captain: Sherry Fortner. Other members: Gerry Fortner, Jo Anne Starzyk, Peggy Reeves, and Mary Lou Crowley.

#### Other members:

*Shannon Ardaiole*

*Tonya Caplinger*

*Kim Ketring*

*Barbara Broughton*

*Keith Broughton*

#### Club/Organization:

##### **3 Beauties and a Beast**

**Captain:**

*Cheryl Roberts*

**Other members:**

*Trish Chanen*

*Myra Medley*

*Bill Gleason*

#### Church:

##### **St. Marks Movers**

**Captain:**

*Suzanna Helms*

**Other members:**

*Kathy Bartel*

*Carol Rownd*

*Liz Rix*

*Janet Brown*

*Nancy Hann*



Students from the Seikyo Gakuen School in Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan gather around Mayor Jim Brainard and Theresa Kulczak, Executive Director of the Japan-America Society of Indiana, as they break ground for the Japanese Garden.

## Japanese Garden Commemorates City's Relationship with Sister City

Soon visitors and City Hall employees will be able to enjoy a tranquil garden oasis around the pond on the south side of Carmel City Hall. A celebration

was held in March for the groundbreaking of a Japanese Garden to remember Carmel's relationship with its Sister City, Kawachinagano, Japan.

Mayor Jim Brainard, members of Carmel Sister Cities, Inc., 36 visitors from Seikyo Gakuen School in

Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan and other local dignitaries were in attendance. The groundbreaking also acknowledged 20 years of student exchange between Carmel High School and Seikyo Gauken School in Kawachinagano.

The garden will bring together nature inspired elements associated with Japanese gardens, such as a gateway with a sculpture, a cove with crane sculptures, lanterns, benches, pond edge boulder groupings, tree groupings and a weeping willow view.

## Carmel Wins Funding for Bicycle Education



With summer vacation in full swing, families and children are dusting off their bikes. This year, the City received a \$2,000 reimbursement from the Indiana Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to provide bicycle education for Carmel school children. The goal of the Safe Routes to School Programs is to make walking and biking to school a viable, safe alternative.

Carmel was one of 16 proposals selected to obtain funding from SRTS. With the award money, Carmel hosted three bicycle rodeos this spring. The rodeos were designed to teach bicycle safety to children in a fun environment.

"We are designing a city where bicycling and walking are encouraged through a well-connected trail system," said Mayor Brainard.

### Bicycle Friendly Initiatives Implemented in Carmel

Carmel was named a Bronze-Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclist for using the following strategies to improve bicycling/walking in the community:

- The City hosted a League Cycling Instructor training class which resulted in eight new instructors
- Carmel Bike to Work Day
- Carmel Walk/Bike to School Day programs
- State and Federal grants and local bond issues to fund alternate transportation projects
- A City ordinance that requires new development and building expansions to include bicycle parking

## Alarm Permits Required

Any residence or business address with an alarm system within the city limits of Carmel is required by City Code to have an alarm permit. The permit includes information important to the Carmel Police when responding to an alarm call, including whom to call to turn off the system.

Households or businesses installing new alarm systems need to contact the Carmel Clay Communications Center to apply for these permits. The cost is \$10. Each



alarm permit stays with the property to which it is assigned. For residents or business owners who have recently relocated to Carmel or moved within Carmel, contact Janet Arnone at 571-2586 to check the status of the alarm permit for your home or business. If there is an existing permit, there is no need to reapply. However, the resident or business owner should request a "Change of Information" form from the Carmel Clay Communications Center to update their contact information.

## English Silver Tea Raises Funds for Carmel Arts Council Scholarships



(l. to r.) Donna Tutwiler, chairwoman of the event, Carmel Arts Council (CAC) Vice President Pam Ferguson, CAC President Cherie Piebes, CAC Executive Director Doreen Squire-Ficara, CAC Treasurer Janice Wagner, Linda Bachofner, and CAC Secretary Abby Frantz enjoyed teas and cakes at the seventh annual CAC English Silver Tea.

The Carmel Arts Council hosted the seventh annual English Silver Tea at the Oak Hill Mansion raising \$7,000 for scholarships. The event's ongoing success has enabled the organization to create a fourth \$1,500 scholarship for instrumental music. In addition, the Arts Council awards annual visual, performing and literary scholarships to deserving students.

Thanks to Buckingham Companies underwriting the tea, 100% of proceeds from the event went toward the scholarships.

### 2007 CAC Scholarship Winners

Scholarships of \$1,500 were awarded to the following Carmel High School students:

- **Marcia Hetrick** — Instrumental Scholarship Award
- **Kasey Luehrmann** — Performing Arts Scholarship Award
- **Emily McGowan** — Visual Arts Scholarship Award
- **Ries Murphy** — Literary Scholarship Award



# Upcoming 2007 Meetings

## City Council Meeting Dates

The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 16

August 6 & 20

September 17

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 16. Channel 21 replays City Council meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings

The Board of Public Works meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 18

August 1 & 15

September 5 & 19

**Check the City of Carmel website at [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov) for events, traffic updates and news.**

## Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

July 17

August 21

September 18

## Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth

Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Caucus Room

July 23

August 27

September 24

## Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Board

Meetings held at

The Monon Center,

1195 Central Park Dr. West

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 6 p.m.

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## News from the City of Carmel

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#### Hours:

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8 - 5 p.m.

### City Court Hours

Monday - Friday  
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## City Hall will be closed on

Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day

Monday, September 3 for Labor Day



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